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## Cabinet Elections Draw 1001 Voters



Junior Jim Reagan, now the new Honor Council president, shook sophomore Seth Kennard's hand at Voter Information Night.

By Mark H. Rodeffer  
Bullet Asst. News Editor

Students turned out in much larger numbers than last year to vote in yesterday's Student Government Association Executive Cabinet elections, with 1,001 students voting for nine executive cabinet positions, markedly more than the 610 who turned out last year.

Junior Maylian Pak was elected SGA president and junior Jim Reagan was elected president of the Honor Council.

Current SGA president Brooks L'Allier, a senior, said that the record turnout was a result of better publicity for the elections.

"We learned from the mistakes of last year's election," L'Allier said. "When everyone works in unison, good things will happen, and that's exactly what happened tonight."

Pak, who received 673 votes to junior Brandy Han's, 297, said that she wants students to be more involved in student government outside of voting in elections.

"I want everyone to be included and get everyone involved," Pak said. "Student

government isn't an elitist group and I want to change that image."

Although she lost, Han said she feels her campaign to involve new students in the SGA increased turnout.

"If we were able to do that, it was a success," she said.

In the race for Honor Council president, Reagan received 353 votes, junior David Sands received 336 and 280 students voted for junior Geoff White.

Reagan attributed his victory to his experience.

"The student body spoke, and they want an Honor Council president who's handled these issues before," he said.

After the election, Reagan asked White to help involve students in the Honor Council.

"I'm going to have to think about it," White said. "It's tough to make a difference from the bottom."

Sophomore Kelly Turcic was elected president of the Commuting Students

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## Candidates Grilled At Voter Info Night

By Mark H. Rodeffer  
Bullet Asst. News Editor

Some of the candidates say Tuesday night's Voter Information Night, a forum for candidates for student government offices to speak to students, got a little out of control, according to some candidates.

Christopher Winslow, a sophomore running for presidency of the Judicial Review Board, said that he felt some of the questions directed at candidates who did not have experience holding a campus-wide position were too aggressive.

"It was kind of a feeding frenzy on the new blood," Winslow said.

Winslow said that he felt some students in the audience were asking repetitive questions and interrupting the candidate's answers, attempting to discredit candidates they planned to vote against.

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## Proposed Drinking Restrictions Tabled

By Matt Cliziss  
Bullet Business Manager

Students at Virginia state colleges and universities can breathe a sigh of relief. The Virginia General Assembly has withdrawn two bills that could have been quite significant to students.

House Bill 618 would have essentially banned possession of alcohol on college campuses, and House Bill 1192 proposed that those convicted of an alcohol-related offense should lose their in-state tuition eligibility and financial aid.

Much confusion was attached to these bills. The Virginia Student Leadership Alliance, the source for the coalition of legislative action committees, sent out a legislative update dated Jan. 21, 1999 that included these bills. According to sources in Richmond, both of the withdrawn bills were mainly initiated to draw attention to the problem of college binge drinking.

House Bill 618 stated that no person—no matter what age—shall possess or drink any alcoholic beverage in or upon the grounds of any public institution of higher learning, except for religious congregations using wine for sacramental purposes.

"This would even eliminate [Mary Washington College] President [William] Anderson," said Rebecca Greene, chair of the Legislative Action Committee. "If anyone possessed alcohol in Brompton, the president's residence, that person would be in violation of the law." The LAC has been vocally opposed to the two bills.

This law would make consumption or possession of alcohol on the grounds of a public college or university in Virginia a Class II misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine or 60 days in jail.

Students were wary of the bill's implications. "As long as you're responsible and you are in the privacy of your own room, you should be allowed to drink alcohol," said Amy Staples, a 22-year-old MWC senior who lives on campus. "You are over age and not even in public, so it really shouldn't matter."

A spokesman for Richard S. Landes, the Virginia House of Delegates member who proposed House 618 last year, said that the bill is dead and he never expected it to get passed, but rather to attract attention.

"It was mainly a response to the many alcohol-related deaths at the Virginia state schools last year," said Nicole Riley, Landes' legislative



Rebecca Greene.

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## Man Admits To Stealing Thousands From Farmer

By Jason Schultz  
Bullet News Editor

A Spotsylvania man pled guilty to stealing thousands of dollars from James Farmer, distinguished professor emeritus of history and American studies at Mary Washington College.

Lester William Day, 57, pled guilty on Feb. 19 in the Spotsylvania County Circuit Court to one felony count of embezzlement. William H. Ledbetter, the circuit court judge, remanded Day to the Rappahannock Regional Security Center to await sentencing on April 7.

Day, who faces one to 20 years in the state penitentiary, has already agreed to pay Farmer \$10,000.

Farmer worked for decades as a civil rights leader and as a professor at the college for 13 years, until complications from diabetes forced him to retire. He said he is satisfied with the outcome of the case.

"I'm very pleased," Farmer said. "And I'm looking forward to getting back some of the money that [Day] took."

Day's lawyer, James Jarrell, declined to comment. Attempts to reach Day at the Rappahannock Regional Security Center were unsuccessful.

According to Sarah Denesche, commonwealth's attorney, Day's embezzlement scheme was not particularly complicated or clever. Day's girlfriend, Mary Bosley, was Farmer's live-in caretaker. From October 1997 through October 1998, Denesche said, Day lived with his girlfriend in Farmer's home.

"[Day] began doing odd jobs," Denesche said. "But he was under no salary agreement. He just got reimbursed for any expenses he had related to doing those tasks."

According to the plea agreement Day signed, he started taking advantage of Farmer's trust with small acts of theft and gradually started taking more and more money through a variety of schemes.

Day picked up Farmer's mail on occasion, Denesche said. According to the plea agreement, in October of 1997 Day removed from the mail a Trigon Blue Cross check, worth \$203, cashed it and kept the money.



Courtesy of the Free Lance-Star

Lester William Day faces prison after pleading guilty to embezzlement.

Later, Day admitted in the plea, he stole several other checks, including a check from the Speaker's Bureau of New York worth \$3,500.

Soon, Denesche said, Day graduated from stealing checks to making unauthorized withdrawals while borrowing Farmer's credit card for legitimate purposes.

Day even applied for a PIN number for Farmer's credit card without the civil rights legend's knowledge. On several occasions he made withdrawals, totaling \$1,800. Denesche said that the commonwealth's attorney's office acquired photos of Day using the credit card.

Finally, Denesche said, Day got Farmer to reimburse him for tasks he never performed.

According to Denesche, the thefts went unnoticed for months. But then Tonya Baybrook, an accountant Farmer's family hired to do his taxes, stumbled upon

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## Va. Route 3 Widened

By Jason Schultz  
Bullet News Editor

Students driving west from the college along Rte. 3 for the past several years have had to confront traffic congestion and long backups at stoplights at almost anyone of the day.

"It's really frustrating," said junior Karen Baer. "Sometimes you'd be sitting at stoplights and you'd be backed up. There would be a constant line and you'd have to wait in the middle of the intersection."

But students driving on Rte. 3 today may notice a less congested drive. The state has finished the first of two multi-million-dollar expansions of the road.

According to Rick James, assistant resident engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Fredericksburg office, it took approximately 18 months of work to widen a short stretch of Rte. 3.

James said that the stretch of the road from Bragg Road, where the Spotsylvania Crossing Shopping Center is located, to Kilarney Road, where the Chancellor Village apartments are located, was expanded to allow one more lane for traffic to drive straight ahead. In addition, one more right turn lane was added so traffic can turn right without having to wait at stoplights.

James said that the expansion cost the state approximately \$4.7 million. The project was finished in mid-December of 1998.

James said that since the project's completion he has seen an improvement in traffic conditions on Rte. 3.

"It's certainly our observation that the efficiency of traffic has improved," he

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## State Creates Tuition Cut, Funds For Combs

By Teresa Joerges  
Bullet Staff Writer

The college will get a great deal of money from the state, and the school's private investments are raking in funds, according to college officials.

Administrators reported to the Board of Visitors on Feb. 12 about several state programs which will be sending the college millions of dollars.

Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief finance officer of the college, said that a cut in the tuition of in-state students which Gov. Jim Gilmore proposed a few months ago is fully supported by Virginia's General Assembly and likely to

be passed into law, though no official decision will be made until after Gilmore's veto session in April.

"I think it's safe to say that it will be a part of the final budget adopted," Poyck said.

Paul Dresser, rector of the Board of Visitors, proposed a resolution, which was unanimously passed, to send a letter to Gilmore thanking him in advance for "the equivalent of a scholarship for every in-state student."

The proposed cut would result in a 20-percent reduction in tuition and fees that in-state students currently pay. The savings would amount to \$536 per year per in-state student. To make up the difference, the state will give Mary Washington College \$1.5 million.

Student leaders at the BOV meeting seemed as happy with the likely tuition cut as did BOV members, noting that out-of-state costs will not be raised to absorb the lost revenue from in-state students.

"As long as it does not hurt us [out of state students], I say it's a good thing," said Brooks L'Allier, Student Government Association president, and an out-of-state student.

Also, according to college President William Anderson, the Virginia Senate is almost certainly going to give the college approximately \$5.5 million to cover the costs of renovating Combs Hall, the former science building. The building is slated to house the departments of English, Linguistics and Speech, Modern Foreign



Diana May/Bullet

Midge Poyck & Co. will get money for Combs.

Languages and Historic Preservation once renovations are complete.

Anderson said that he has been lobbying very hard for the Combs renovation funds since the General

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## Thieves Rob Campus Classrooms Twice

By Jason Schultz  
Bullet News Editor

On two separate occasions this month, thieves pilfered thousands of dollars worth of multimedia teaching equipment from classrooms around campus.

According to police Lt. Rick Knick, on Feb. 23 unidentified thieves stole a Compaq laptop computer from the third floor of the Jepson Science Center. Knick said that the computer was valued at \$2,000.

Rosemary Barra, professor of biology and chair of the biology department, said that the computer was locked to a cart and the classroom it was in was also locked over the weekend. She said that Warner

Wieland, professor of biology, discovered on Monday morning that the computer was missing.

Knick said that police have no suspects and no leads to report yet, but they obtained the serial number of the stolen computer and entered it into a national database that is used by pawnshops.

"If it turns up anywhere in the country it will show up as stolen property," Knick said.

In Senate on Feb. 24, senior Kelly Cwiak, commuting student association president, made a motion to install a new "push-button" lock in the Jepson Science Center computer lab to prevent any further break-ins.

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## Weekend Weather

Friday: Mostly cloudy. High 45. Low 31.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High 50. Low 38.

Sunday: Showers. High 57. Low 34.



# Police Beat

By Nicole Ramer  
Bulletin Staff Writer

- Feb. 17—The intrusion alarm was set off in Simpson Library. A student who was in the library after hours set off the alarm. The student was asked to leave the library.
- Feb. 18—Students in Monroe Hall reported that they smelled smoke coming from the staircase. The Fredericksburg Fire Department was called in to investigate. The cause of the smoke smell has not been determined.
- Feb. 19—A police information report was filed

concerning mass e-mails that were appearing on campus mail.

- Feb. 20—Residence Life seized alcohol from students in Alvey Hall.
- Feb. 20—The Fredericksburg Police recovered a bicycle that belonged to a student who lives on campus.
- Feb. 21—A student in Jefferson Hall reported receiving a harassing phone call. This matter is still under investigation.
- Feb. 23—The fire alarm went off in Willard Hall. The cause was determined to be a malfunction in the fire pump.

# S.G.A. Beat

By Travis Bjorklund  
Bulletin Staff Writer

In this week's Senate meeting, senators again brought up the issue of creating 75-minute classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

According to Jessica Tenney, chair of the academic affairs committee, the new stretch track idea proposes that on Monday and Friday, classes would remain as they are now until 12:50 p.m.. After this, two 75-minute classes would begin at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.. On Wednesday, students would also have 50-minute classes in the morning, but also have one 150-minute class from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The faculty tabled several other stretch track motions in the past. A faculty vote on this latest

motion will take place on April 7. If approved, the stretch track schedule would go into effect in the fall of 2000.

Senators at the meeting voiced overwhelming opposition to the "stretch track" plan.

"There is a real problem with them taking away afternoon classes and messing up the schedule," said sophomore Kelly Turcic. "It would disrupt people who prefer to take afternoon classes and, more importantly, people with internships."

Also in Senate this week, senators made motions to ask the college to make all vending machines on campus EagleOne Card-compatible. An additional motion was made to change parking policies behind Monroe Hall to allow students to park there after 5 p.m. Both motions passed.

## Corrections

In the Feb. 18 article entitled "New Blood Among SGA Nominees," Josh Maddox was incorrectly identified as a sophomore. He is a junior.

In the caption for the photo entitled "Storming the Underground," DJ Quicksilver was incorrectly identified as DJ Storm.

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Brandy Han, a junior who ran for Student Government Association president, agreed with Winslow and said that some students in the audience did not want new faces in the SGA.

"It's an inner circle and apparently they don't want new blood," Han said. "I think student elections should be open to anyone who wants to make a difference. They were saying because I've never been in Senate before I shouldn't be involved. That doesn't make sense to me."

Han said that she felt that questions asked by senior Andrew Rothschild regarding her lack of SGA experience were too repetitive and pointed.

Rothschild later said he did not intend to offend Han. "I apologized to Brandy and told her I was sorry if I sounded too aggressive; I didn't mean to," Rothschild said. "I was trying to make the point that she is running for a very serious position and wanted to convey the point that it's an awesome responsibility."

Junior Maylin Pak, the other candidate for SGA president, said that the night went well but she had a few problems with it.

"There was a lot of emphasis put on experience and not issues, and I think that took away from part of it," she said.

Pak said that some of the questions were "out of line," and that candidates being asked aggressive questions should have asked or had the moderator ask the questioner to tone down the questions.

Geoff White, a junior who ran for Honor Council president and is an assistant sports editor for the Bulletin, said that the questions regarding student government experience were too aggressive.

"It's too bad that people without experience in student government were attacked the whole time. I think we handled ourselves pretty well and looked like the more mature people," he said.

Jim Reagan, a junior and candidate for Honor Council president, said that the questions were not too aggressive.

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Association with 646 votes, to junior Michelle McCrystal's 277 votes.

Turcic said that her top priority will be creating a better relationship between students and the police.

"The police crackdown [on off campus students] pretty hard considering everything we do for the Fredericksburg community," Turcic said. "I want to work on a one-to-one basis with the police to be able to change the relationship between commuting students and the police."

Mariah Butler, a junior, garnered 608 votes for Judicial Review Board president to sophomore Christopher Winslow's 390.

Butler said that she will work to complete student trials as quickly as possible, try to get more resident assistants and other witnesses to testify at trials and start an orientation to familiarize incoming students with the judicial process.

Sophomore Kristin DeGraff won the Academic Affairs Committee chair with 541 votes to sophomore

"People are going to try to take some shots at you sometimes," he said. "I felt as though some questions were repetitive, but as [Honor Council] president, you're going to have to deal with a lot of student opinions and voices. Last night was just a microcosm of what next year will hold. It's not easy."

Han said that the moderator of the forum, Lindsey Morgan, SGA vice president, should have had better control of the audience.

"Lindsey said at the beginning that we weren't going to sling mud, and she said not to ask irrelevant questions. She could have done a little more to prevent that. To me, it just reinforced that fact that SGA doesn't want new people to join," she said.

Winslow agreed with Han.

"It was like a presidential debate gone bad," he said. "[Morgan] wasn't a moderator; she introduced us and that's it."

Morgan said that none of the questions were out of line.

"All the questions were appropriate. Some of them probably went a little too far, but if I felt that any were inappropriate, I would have stopped it," she said.

Morgan said that if any of the questions were repetitive, it was because some candidates weren't answering them directly.

"Some of the candidates weren't answering the questions. They were walking around them and not answering questions directly," she said.

Han had problems with the way the forum was run.

"A couple of my friends showed up to hear the candidates, and they were sitting with their hands up, and they came back angry because they weren't called on," she said.

Morgan said that she tried to call on every student who raised his or her hand.

"I tried to get a very good cross-section of the people there; I wasn't trying to not call on Brandy's friends," she said. "I really don't know Brandy's friends anyway. I think that everyone who wanted to speak got their chance."

Nicole Angarella's 397 votes. DeGraff said she will soon be recruiting students to be members next year's committee.

"Student's weren't represented on faculty committees [this year]," DeGraff said. "Next year, I hope to have enough people on the committee so that students can have a voice on faculty committees."

Junior Shannon Hutchinson took the SGA vice president post with 568 votes to junior Josh Paterni's 393 votes.

Junior Josh Maddox, who defeated junior Holly Dudas for the post of Legislative Action Committee chair 517 to 386, said that the LAC must be more active in notifying students of legislation that might affect them.

"If we don't make any noise, no one is going to listen to us," he said.

Sophomore Cory Kegerise was the only candidate for JRB vice president and Kristin Witters, a junior, ran unopposed for president of the Association of Residence Halls.



Compiled by Eric Tolbert

## Kurdish Rebel Leader Captured

Kurdish Rebel leader Ocalan was captured by Turkish authorities last week in Greece. Ocalan has led a group of Kurdish rebels fighting for the establishment of an independent state in southern Turkey. In the last 14 years, Ocalan's rebels have launched attacks on the Turkish government and fellow Kurds who have not cooperated with his movement. Ocalan's arrest prompted protests by Kurds at many Greek embassies and consulates around the world.

## Tyson Thrown In The Hole For Tantrum

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was put in solitary confinement in the Montgomery County [Md.] Detention Center on Feb. 19. Tyson is serving a 12-month sentence for assaulting two men after a traffic accident in Gaithersburg, Md., last summer.

Jail officials said that Tyson became angry when a guard told him to end a phone call. Tyson then allegedly picked up a television set and threw it across the room. Tyson's lawyer said that the boxer became agitated because the guards had stopped giving him an antidepressant medication. Tyson will face a closed disciplinary hearing for the television-throwing incident today.

## White Supremacist Convicted Of Killing In Texas

John William King, 24, a white supremacist, was convicted of capital murder on Tuesday for the killing of James Byrd in Jasper, Texas last June. The jury took just two hours to convict King. King and two alleged accomplices, Lawrence Brewer and Shawn Berry, who will be tried later, were charged in June with dragging Byrd, an African-American man, from a rope behind a pickup truck for three miles.

On Thursday, the jury will decide if King will receive life in prison or the death penalty.

## General Assembly Considering New Seat Belt Law

The Virginia General Assembly is currently debating a new seat belt law that would allow police officers to pull over and ticket anyone for not wearing a seat belt. The current law states that a motorist can only be ticketed for not wearing a seat belt if he or she is pulled over in connection with another offense. Civil rights groups have opposed the bill, saying that police would use the law as an excuse to pull over and search African-American motorists. The Assembly is likely to vote on the bill next week.

# Campus Information

• The "Senior Studio Art Major Exhibition" will be showing at the duPont Gallery from Feb. 26 to March 5. The exhibition is free. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 654-2120.

• Career Services will sponsor "Having It All: Fact or Fiction" to celebrate Women's History Month on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Room of the Woodard Campus Center. The discussion is free. For more information call 654-1022.

• Amy Richards, contributing editor to "Ms." magazine, will give a lecture entitled "Where Do We Go From Here: Feminism in the Twenty-first Century," on March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Red Room of the

Woodard Campus Center. The lecture is free. For more information call 654-1478.

• The Virginia Tobacco Lords of Glasgow, Scotland in the Eighteenth Century," on March 2 at 7 p.m. in room 204 of Trinkle Hall.

• Colman McCarthy, a member of the syndicated Washington Post columnist, will give a lecture entitled "Why Women Are Better Peacekeepers," on March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Red Room of the Woodard Campus Center. The lecture is free. For more information call 654-1122.

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assistant. "They wanted to draw attention to college binge drinking."

Bill 618 was introduced in the Virginia General Assembly last year, at the same time that the office of the Attorney General formed an alcohol task force. Attorney General Mark Earley formed the task force in response to the five alcohol-related deaths among Virginia college and university students last year.

The task force is made up of Virginia college administrators, state attorneys, college students and officials of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The task force studied the issue of drinking by college students and made recommendations for action schools can take to stop binge drinking.

According to Riley, the Bill 618 was proposed to the task force, and they decided against bringing it to the House. Riley said that it was not reintroduced this year. "Now it's basically dead or tabled," Riley said. "They let the task force take the lead and nothing was done."

According to Landes' office, other exceptions to Bill 618 were going to be proposed. For example, one exception might allow alcohol to be served at college presidents' homes.

"But that would just open up a can of worms," Riley said. "Keeping the bill strict made it simple, and Landes knew that the chances of it passing were slim to none."

The other withdrawn bill, House Bill 1192, proposed that those convicted of a crime involving alcohol should lose their in-state tuition eligibility and financial aid. According to Dean Little, the legislative assistant to house member James O'Brien, the bill was withdrawn last year under request from Earley.

"The bill is dead. It wasn't renewed or even brought up this year," Little said.

The bill would have required that the court notify a public college or university in Virginia attended by anyone convicted of a drug or alcohol offense who has been identified by the prosecuting attorney as a college student.

The college would then be required to revoke in-state tuition rates and financial aid for a student, thus making the student pay out-of-state tuition rates for one year.

"If this were to pass, it could be scary," Greene said. "We know that Fredericksburg police are good at busting Mary Washington students. This could be a precarious situation."

Other MWC students agree. Jenny Moss, a senior representative on the Judicial Review Board, thinks the bill wouldn't stop underage drinking.

"It's not going to solve the problem," she said. "It seems to me a better solution would be to educate students to drink more responsibly. Students don't respond well to threats; it encourages students to push the boundaries."

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The lock would be similar to ones used in computer labs in Chandler and Monroe Halls. The lock's combination would be revealed to students at the discretion of department faculty. The motion passed.

Knick said that the police will continue to investigate the matter.

Also, Knick said, on Feb. 3 unidentified suspects stole a Panasonic multimedia projector from room 107 in Monroe Hall. The projector was valued at \$5,000.

Knick said that there were no signs of forced entry and the police have no suspects or leads in the crime.

Knick said that academic buildings like Monroe Hall and the Jepson Science Center are locked at midnight every night, but during daylight hours students and faculty members have access to the buildings.

Both thefts are classified as grand larceny, a felony, which is punishable by one to five years in state prison.

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# OPINIONS

## Football, Money, Discrimination

### The NFL Must Allow Redskins Sale

The recent "sale" of the Washington Redskins raises serious questions about our society, questions that go far beyond the world of sports.

For those who haven't yet heard, the "Skins" were recently sold by the trustees of the late Jack Kent Cooke's estate to Howard Milstein and Daniel Snyder, two fabulously rich men, for around \$800 million. These two gents outbid the nearest bidder by the sturdy sum of \$120 million, and thus expected to receive control of the team.

Unfortunately, the National Football League had other ideas. It seems that the league owners, a collection of rich, middle-aged white men, didn't want any new members in their exclusive club. Suddenly, they questioned the fairness of the bidding. They questioned why John Kent Cooke, outbid fairly by a whopping \$120 million, did not get the team. Right now, they are questioning whether or not Milstein is as rich as he says he is, even though they have twice allowed him to bid on NFL franchises (in Cleveland and in Washington).

All of which points to discrimination. In the same way in which white business owners once refused service to African Americans, and in the same way golf clubs used to exclude Jews, the NFL now wants to exclude Milstein and Snyder.

Why? Because of tradition, of course.

The same tradition that kept segregation alive for so many years now permeates the NFL. The NFL has these members, see, and they've been together a long time, and they don't want any new members to join in, because that would foul up the tradition of it all. Keep the good ol' boys together, and keep the new people out of the club.

So when Milstein and Snyder, modern-day nouveau rich-guys, come calling, the NFL shuts its doors. Suddenly \$120 million becomes a paltry sum compared to John Kent Cooke's bloodline—and the tradition of a Kent Cooke owning the Redskins (which, by the way, only dates back about 25 years, not for generations).

This is not to vilify John Kent Cooke, who seems an honorable man, but rather to attack a system that attempts to keep him and his pitifully "low" bid of \$680 million in power while Milstein and Snyder, who actually earned the money to buy the team, rather than inheriting it, are left out in the cold.

Let's hope the NFL does the right thing and ratifies the sale to Milstein and Snyder, because if they don't, they will prove that little has changed in the past 50 years.

## Student Questions Bullet Policy Regarding Police Beat

By Kalela Williams  
Guest Columnist

Is it Bullet policy to print student names in the Police Beat? And if it is, is it fair to do so? I have seen account after account in the Police Beat of students getting in trouble for theft, underage drinking, etc. All of these people have had the privilege of anonymity, which they should have.

So it bothered me when, flipping through a recent issue of the Bullet, I noticed a student's name in this section. In my opinion, The Bullet has acted unfairly in this case—its actions are downright wrong.

We have to realize this is a small campus community, where many people generally know each other, or have seen each other around. This is a college where one name can create a huge splash, where individual people don't get lost within the throng of numbers.

Even people here who have done silly but embarrassing things and have landed in Police Beat, like the student who went sliding, butt-first, down a flight of stairs; or the person who had a nosebleed all over Mason Hall, probably don't want anyone past a personal rumor radius to know it was them.

Although drinking—til-you-puke seems to be an activity of utmost esteem here at

Mary Washington College, I'm sure many students would blush at least a little bit at the sight of his or her name attached to a description of a person passed out in the middle of Ball Circle.

In a tiny, intimate community like Mary Washington, it should be the student's right to know what goes on—but we don't need to know, except in rare cases, who did it. What is the purpose of printing a student's name? And what good does it accomplish, besides giving people something else to talk about on a Thursday afternoon, at the expense of someone else?

The fact is, it isn't anybody's business who gets in trouble, unless that person poses a threat to the college community.

To have one's friends know these things through rumors is enough—but to have one's acquaintances, co-workers and professors know is entirely ridiculous.

If it isn't Bullet policy to report student's names in Police Beat, then the Bullet definitely owes at least one person an apology.

If the Bullet does print names in some cases, and does, as a small campus newspaper, go past the duties of journalism and into the promotion of gossip, then they still owe a student an apology—for having such a stupid policy in the first place.

Kalela Williams is a junior.

## Letters to the Editor

### Mass E-Mail Mess Is The Bullet's Fault

Editor:

I would just like to thank all you at The Bullet for running all those splendid articles about how evil the han on mass e-mails would be.

I now get the joy of wading through all of these lovely messages about some whamp thing that really does not concern me and about which I do not care. I get the joy of reading the messages that tell me to "Shut the [expletive] up" and other charming things because everyone now has the right to mass e-mail even if they do not fully grasp the concept.

I also have the pleasure of waiting until the server clogs up, and then I am not able to check my e-mail and communicate with my family because there are too many messages being sent out telling people to stop sending out messages.

Not only do I get the joy of all of these lovely things but I also get to experience firsthand the stress of having all those who complained about the ban on mass e-mail call and complain about the server being down because of an overload.

However, they of course will not realize that they, and especially all the lovely people at The Bullet, are to blame for this wonderful experience because of the stink that they raised over the ban which was designed to help, not hurt, those who appreciate and know how to use e-mail correctly.

So once again I would like to express my extreme gratitude for helping me find the pleasures of real frustration.

Anna Stensvaag  
Sophomore

### City Council Disturbs Community

Editor:

On the night of Feb. 16th, the mayor and city council held a long overdue town meeting regarding a vote taken on Aug. 11th and the impending development of the regional Rappahannock area.

It was an impressive assembly: Larry Silver and his team of black-clad, gold-wearing flunky developers, the mayor, flanked by half a dozen bored looking council members in navy blue suits and red ties—all elderly white men save two.

There were reporters and consultants, concerned citizens from early teens to late septuagenarians. The seats were filled to capacity and stern looking police officers ambled through the overflowing crowd keeping those standing off to the side quiet and in place. Several Mary Washington College students were present, as well as professors and coaches.

The show began at six o'clock when Larry Silver introduced a host of hometown experts to demonstrate how his dream of building five golf courses, several hotels, shops, museums, clubhouses and campgrounds would not be detrimental to the ecosystem.

One expert even went so far as to say that animal life sometimes thrives on golf courses. The entire spectacle consisting of slides, diagrams, maps, and statistics carried on for no less than four hours.

By this time most of the concerned citizens who had arrived to ask questions were long

gone. The presentations were akin to a congressional filibuster—an extended speech carried out ad nauseam to wear out the opposition and force them to give in. The good people of Fredericksburg were made of stronger stuff, however.

After the last presentation had been made, the mayor suggested everyone left take a short break. He was met with resounding a "no" and cries of "let's get on with it."

He consented and got the ball rolling, rattling off some 37 preregistered people who said they had questions to ask. A man holding up a sign reading "Fredericksburg City Council For Hire" was the target of the mayor's venom when the mayor said, "Sir, why don't you go outside and add a few letters to that sign. Fredericksburg is spelled with an e."

It is the first time that I have ever heard of the mayor giving a spelling lesson to a town meeting. It was a blatant attempt at reminding the ignorant citizens of Fredericksburg who their glorious, enlightened, and despotic leader was.

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## What Is The Worth Of An MWC Education?

Editor:

I've often wondered in my (almost) four years here at MWC what my diploma and education would be worth after graduation. I'd like to thank the Office of Admissions for answering that question for me.

The Office of Admissions is sending out flyers in campus mail, advertising "exciting employment opportunities for MWC graduates." They are hiring three 1999 MWC graduates for positions as Admission Counselors.

It will be a nine month position (for one "school-year," August to May). And here's the "exciting" part. The Office of Admissions informs the "excited" reader, that their MWC education/degree is worth a whopping \$15,930 before taxes, with no benefits.

Hmm...let's see, that works out to a little over \$21,000 a year (before taxes) with no benefits. I'm afraid to ask what kind of salary I could expect to earn if I didn't have my MWC education.

I guess I just had my sights set a little too high. Thanks, Office of Admissions for letting us know just what our MWC education is worth. By the way, even teachers in Fredericksburg start at \$28,000.

John Oplinger  
Senior

## Valentine's Day Sucks: Part II

Editor:

I'd like to applaud Meg Weirter's editorial ("Valentine's Day Sucks From Love" 2/11/99) for not giving in to the hype of Valentine's Day, a commercially created holiday meant to give the chocolate industry some sales between Christmas and Easter.

Valentine's Day has become a high-pressure game in successful romancing, where you only



Cartoon By Gregory Greven

truly love your partner if you get her diamond jewelry and the proverbial fluffy teddy bear.

You may call me the Valentine's Grinch, but I don't want flowers, chocolate, or balloons just because it's Feb. 14th. I'd find it personally offensive to have my partner shower me in presents because there is a social expectation for gifts.

V-Day seems to be about status these days. Who got the biggest gift? Who's boyfriend spent the most money? It's a cynical sentiment, I know, but it's just a day of the year selected for love to be commercialized and cheapened.

And no, I'm not some bitter wretch, resentful of every girl who gets a dozen roses. I've been in a wonderful relationship for seven years, and my fiancé is an incredibly thoughtful person who also realizes that it's not necessary to shower me in flowers and chocolate because it's Valentine's Day. He cooked dinner for me (and did the dishes) and gave me a 30 minute foot massage. But then, he did that the last time I saw him too.

Jessica Ayvalous  
Senior

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# FEATURES

## Women's Leader To Speak At MWC

By Shawna Shepherd  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

When the president of the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Galen Sherwin, opened her mail on Tuesday, Feb. 23, she wasn't expecting a death threat.

The message read: "Anthrax. Have a happy death." When Patricia Ireland, the president of NOW, heard about the death threat, she dropped everything from her schedule so she could be in New York City that day.

"So far most threats are hoaxes, but it is one of those high risk things. You can't take it lightly," Ireland said. Ireland responded so quickly because Sherwin is only in her early 20s, and has never dealt with the looming presence of death threats like Ireland has.

Ireland is experienced in receiving personal death threats. She has also seen her name on the infamous Nuremberg Files, the anti-abortion web site (now shut down) that was a death list for pro-choice advocates.

This does not intimidate Ireland.

"I am not going to let that stand in my way. I am not foolishly," she said. "I am living my life the way it counts. It makes it worth living."

Barring no unforeseen death threats, Ireland will be Mary Washington College's keynote lecturer for Women's History Month, speaking the night of March 17 in the Ball Room in Lee Hall.

Ireland was chosen as the keynote lecturer for her activism and for having broken down so many barriers for women, according to Arnette Vashee, associate dean for multicultural affairs.

Vashee said she hopes Ireland will address issues pertaining to women in the next millennium.

"Hopefully we can get her visions about what we have to do," Vashee said.

Ireland's lecture is titled, "Feminism and Activism: Moving Into the 21st Century." She will be paid a total of \$6,000 for her visit—\$5,000 sponsored by the committee

on academic resources, and \$1,000 from the council on community values.

Ireland said she is going to focus on women in politics, and in particular, women in non-traditional positions that involve policy making.

She plans to talk a little about the private sector, the government and elected positions, and the kinds of road blocks that get thrown up in the way of women.

The results of NOW's 1992 campaign, "Elect Women for a Change," led to some changes in the U.S. Senate, but Ireland, aware that 91% of senators are still men, gives the results of the campaign with obvious sarcasm followed by an unconvincing laugh.

"In 1992 we celebrated tripling women in the U.S. Senate. That meant going from two to six out of a hundred," she said.

Through discussions with students, Ireland has found that there is greater idealism and activism than she thought, and that it begins as early as middle school.

"Understand that it does make a difference what decisions we make, what actions we take," Ireland said. "There is even organizing in middle school at an age where even I have to call them girls. That inspires me, and I am sort of in awe because the most important thing for me was to be popular. I had no notion of politics," she said.

Ireland didn't truly discover the notion of politics or recognize the inequality between men and women until after she entered the work force as a flight attendant for Pan Am Airlines, not the quintessential career move for a feminist.

Pan Am Airlines didn't offer health care coverage for families of women employees, only to families of men. Ireland fought to have that changed.

"Before I entered the work force I thought I never really faced discrimination," she said. "I had to be willing to make waves."

Ireland said it was not until her fight with Pan Am Airlines that she recollected other instances of inequality from her past that she had never realized before.

There was a time in middle school when she wasn't allowed to be a crossing guard, also called a control boy, in middle school because she was a female. Ireland recalled another event in her life that occurred shortly after she divorced her first husband, Don Anderson, from a marriage lasting a short time after beginning when she was just 17 years old.

In college at the University of Tennessee, a biology instructor made advances after she told him she was changing her name because she got divorced.

After making advances and being turned



Courtesy of Patricia Ireland

Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, will be speaking at MWC on March 17.



Courtesy of Patricia Ireland

Patricia Ireland was arrested (left) in 1992 for non-violent support of abortion rights. Ireland (right) poses as a stewardess for Pan Am Airlines.



Courtesy of Patricia Ireland

## Does MWC Want To Believe?

A Look At MWC Student Involvement In Organized Religion On Campus

By Karla Smith  
Bulletin Staff Writer

College is supposed to be a time for serious growth and development, playing a major part in the whole education process. Many students, being away from their families for the first time, find an opportunity to develop as individuals and either accept or reject much of the identity formed while growing up. Senior Aaron Davis said that college was an opportunity to see other aspects of life.

"Being at college and away from the sheltering feeling of home, I have been able to expand my horizons and learn about a plethora of beliefs," said Davis.

For many people, religion is a large portion of their identity. Religious beliefs formed over the years, through a variety of sources, account for who we are and what we choose to do every day. Some people just follow along with what their parents do and others firmly believe in their faith (or lack thereof). Either way, college is certainly a time which tests the strength of conviction in what one believes.

Here at MWC, religion seems to be a very important part of many students' lives. Based on a survey sample of students, 85 percent considered themselves of particular religious affiliation, and 65 percent practiced their religion at least occasionally. Twenty-five percent of the students surveyed attend a church weekly while at school, and 35 percent attend weekly at home.

Largely, students attend churches less while at

school than while at home. There was also a strong correspondence between those students who felt their religion was assumed by family and those students who attended church less while at school. Religious participation in campus religious groups and churches was much higher among those students who considered their religion to be a strong personal choice, as opposed to something forced upon them by family.

Upperclassmen were much more inclined to consider their religious choice to be their own. Junior Tiffany Patrick describes the foundation of her religious beliefs to have come from numerous sources.

"My family got me interested in religion, but I have pursued it on my own, and my beliefs have changed due to my own research and talking to people," said Patrick.

Consequently, upperclassmen's church attendance, religious group participation, and the relative importance of God/religion in their life were usually pretty much in line with each other. This was not as much the case among freshmen. They were more likely to attend church regularly, but not participate with any religious groups and not rank religion/God as a high factor in their lives. Often their religious affiliation was still very much a family choice, not a deeply rooted belief and well-explored decision.

Religion is one of the issues that people struggle with their entire lives. Freshmen are at the beginning of a very important four years of that struggle. That is evident

down by Ireland, he informed her not to expect a high grade.

As much as her biology instructor's actions were not a result of Ireland's actions, she couldn't help but feel guilt.

"I thought, 'What did I do?'" she said.

In Ireland's recent book, "What Women Want," she describes more instances of harassment on the job as a flight attendant in the late '60s and '70s.

Once a man grabbed the back of her thigh while walking down the aisle. Another time a male employee brushed himself against her in a narrow galley.

"Many women, myself included, viewed sexual harassment as the price of admission into the workplace. Since I felt powerless to stop it, I simply resigned myself to paying the entrance fee. If this was what it took to have the economic independence denied to our mothers and grandmothers, so be it," she said in her book.

Ireland still has two years left in her ten-year run as president of NOW that began in December 1991. Prior to this, she served as NOW executive vice president and treasurer since 1987.

Ireland's activism with the organization began in 1975 with international women's rights and human rights work, leading to the creation of NOW's Global Feminist Program.

Ireland said there are plans for a world march for women to be held in October of 2000, which will be an effort to enable women of different countries such as Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Burma, to have a series of simultaneous events held around the world.

"The women's revolutionary movement is global and will never be extinguished. It is enough a part of the world's culture that we will never go back," she said.

Ireland said our country can learn from other countries, such as learning about violence from India and Brazil.

Ireland has been the leading figure in organizing NOW to fight for issues including the defense of women's

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Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

Junior Joshua Gravis and freshman Alicia Miller spend time at the CSA house.

by the answers to the question of whether upperclassmen feel their religious convictions have grown or declined over the time that they have been here. Almost everyone felt they had changed, by either growing or declining. Very few people felt that it had remained totally unchanged. Sophomore Josh Gravis said that college has had an effect on his beliefs.

"My faith has always been there, but I have tackled a lot of issues since coming to campus that have strengthened my beliefs," said Gravis.

Sophomore Virginia Evans had similar feelings.

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## Perspectives: What Do MWC Women Want?

"I would hope that one day there would be no need for feminist outlook, because eventually everyone's outlook would be the same, humanistic."

- Ellen Ashton Smith, senior

"I want women to never feel intimidated to call themselves a feminist."

- Rebecca McHale, sophomore

"I want to be independent, balanced with someone, but not through someone. I want discovery and equality, internally."

- Jenna Frye, sophomore

"Women want and need their own space and they need to be left alone to create."

- Lydie Kane, senior

"I want the media to portray women and men as they really are."

- Karol Kozak, sophomore

"I want to be able to define myself as a woman, be able to achieve things and feel like I learned them myself and not through laws that make it easier."

- Amanda Beasley, sophomore

"A feeling that I don't want to be offended on a day to day basis. How to hour there is a barrage of sexism. The answer is by having a woman's space."

- Heather Clendenin, senior

## Sexism Makes Males Uncomfortable, Too

By Michael Harris  
Bulletin Staff Writer

In a sample survey of 45 students, associate professor of psychology Christopher Kilmartin and his research team found that the majority of males feel some level of discomfort with other men's sexist behavior. This has sparked a poster and ad campaign around campus regarding the results of the study.

Individual males had the distorted assumption that they were the only ones who felt uncomfortable when sexist topics were discussed among friends. Behavior such as calling women "bitches" or talking about getting women drunk to take advantage of them are common problems.

Kilmartin stated that the gender roles in America are almost backwards in nature.

"Masculinity in American society is being anti-feminine," said Kilmartin.

Kilmartin stated that studies have found that many socially defined masculine traits can often be a sign of sexual aggression.

"Men who exhibit anti-feminine behavior and hold sexist views tend to be the ones who commit rape and sexual assault," Kilmartin said.

Kilmartin adds that most males hold the attitude that this type of sexist behavior is out of line. However, since they overestimate their peers' level of comfort with this type of conduct, it remains the same.

Kilmartin felt like the school's administration needs to acknowledge the problem of sexual harassment and do more about it.

Bob Franklin, assistant director of residence life and heads of the Sexual Assault Peer Educators, said that their program addresses dating, sexual harassment and rape. All the peer educators get 10 hours of training that focuses primarily on relationship assault.

Susan Stevens, co-chair for the sexual assault peer educator program, believes that the program is very effective, but thinks that there is always more that can be done.

The peer educators hold programs in residence halls at the request of a Resident Assistant. Recently they did a program called "Sexual Fantasies" which focused on illustrating the differences between common myths and reality regarding sexual behavior.

Stevens stated that the group deals with the line between fantasies and reality.

"Some men fantasize that it's a turn on to have sex with a woman against her will. However, this is a fantasy and doesn't exist in reality," said Stevens.

The Sexual Assault Peer Educator program also conducts a program called "Mickey of the '90s" which addresses the use of the date rape drugs, rohypnol and GHB.

Senior Angela Park said that she has not witnessed any sexual harassment here on campus but does see where the problem could arise.

"Guys here think that they have the right to have bigger egos because there are so many more girls than guys," said Park. "They have more options in choosing who they date, so they can act like jackasses."

Junior Maggie Applebaum felt that sexual harassment occurs often at places like bars and clubs. "It's not a night at George St. without a smack on the butt," said Applebaum.

Stevens asserts that there will always be sexual assault of college campuses, and that it is important that we confront these issues.

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decline, but on the whole I'd say I've grown," said Evans.

There are a wide variety of differences among beliefs on this campus, with strong feelings and arguments on many different sides. Junior Rachel Levy declares herself agnostic.

"I don't understand how a just, benevolent God could create a world so much evil and suffering," said Levy. "Also, I don't agree with many things in the Bible. For example, I don't believe that wives should have to submit to their husbands or that homosexuality is a sin."

Freshman Alex Shugrue had different reasons for not practicing religion.

"I'm not an atheist," said Shugrue. "I do not believe that the universe just happened to form and that the way it works just happened to have a consistent set of rules. The thing is, I see no reason to believe in one religion over any other. We look at Roman mythology today, and we think it's ridiculous that anyone ever believed that stuff. But how is Christianity, or Islam, or Judaism any better? Basically all major religions just expect us to take their word based only on faith. I think most religious people only keep their faith out of habit or out of a need to feel like something is guiding their

life."

Many students feel a strong commitment to their faith in God.

"God is the center of my life. My most important relationship is the one I have with Him," said Evans.

Senior Alan Follett believes that faith is a large part of the reassurance needed for daily life.

"The needs of this campus community—the homesickness, the frustrations and anxieties, the wear and tear on our physical and emotional states—require us to be faithful supporters, comforters and advocates for each other," said Follett. "This can often be best manifested in service, which is a model for all religious faiths."

Does our campus create an open atmosphere for people to practice their beliefs? Gravis commented that his beliefs help him to take his environment and make the most of it.

"I am not to worry what others think, and this is a blessing," Gravis said. "I do my best to let the Christ in me shine as a light for others to walk closer with God, that they may feel love for each other and for God."

Senior Mike Blake, member and former chapter president of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, said that MWC can be a less than

inviting environment for religious beliefs.

"Unfortunately, many students look negatively on the religious organizations on campus," said Blake. "This is partly the fault of the organizations themselves, however. I will admit that. We are all sinful, and we screw up too. Which is why we need Jesus Christ to save us, for we are all doomed to hell if we were to be held responsible for our own sinful nature."

There are many different religious groups on campus for student involvement. The Baptist Student Union, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Catholic Student Association seem to be among the most popular based on the survey. The Islamic Student Association, Hillel, and the Campus Christian Community are some of the other organizations on campus.

"[These organizations] provide a place for students to grow as a community and share their faith," said Elana Pressman, president of Hillel.

On the whole, all of these groups have been increasing in participation over the last five years. Father Jack of the Catholic Student Association attributed this increase and the general success of religious groups on campus to "the strong, positive leadership in all the campus ministries."

lesbian and gay movement.

Ireland said most groups are dealing with the same issues and would work better as a collective.

"We have to stand together if we are going to succeed. We are a majority if we stand together."



# THUMBS

a features column by the Bulletin staff

UP



to the cast and crew of the "Dining Room" for putting on another great show for MWC

DOWN



to the recent cold spell which has taken over Virginia

UP



to Brent Bensten for rescuing the Bulletin staff when their computers crashed

DOWN



to the new chairs in the library—where are we supposed to rest our arms?

UP



to the Clay Mottley Band, for playing a fantastic set at Orbits last Saturday night.

DOWN



to Gene Siskel dying—we're sorry we couldn't give it two thumbs down, but there is only one left

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access to abortion, electing a record number of women to political office, and working more together in coalition with other social justice and civil rights groups and championing international feminist issues.

Ireland sees her leadership as president

of NOW differently from other leaders in the past because she worked in the private sector as a lawyer for 14 years in Miami.

Ireland has activated a strong desire to strengthen NOW ties among various movements, such as the civil rights movement, poverty rights movement, and the

**The Bulletin is going on sabbatical but will be returning on March 18. Please continue to send your love letters and ideas to [bullet@mw.edu](mailto:bullet@mw.edu). If you become desperate for the informative reporting you have come to expect from your award winning newspaper, please re-read this issue.**

**Thanks,**  
**The Bulletin Staff**

## Embracing the Legacy...



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**Monday March 1,** Public Lecture, Amy Richards, contributing editor Ms. Magazine and co-founder Third Wave Foundation, "Where do we go from here: Feminism in the 21st century," sponsored by the Women's Issues Group and WAVE, 8 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center

**Tuesday March 2,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Craig Vasey, Dept. of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, "Feminism and Science" 2:30-3:15 p.m., Trinkle 87  
Film, "Beloved" sponsored by the MWC Film Committee, 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium, \$1.00  
Panel Discussion, "Having it all: Fact or Fiction" sponsored by Career Services, 7:30 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center, for more information call 654-1022

**Wednesday March 3,** Film, "Beloved" sponsored by the MWC Film Committee, 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium, \$1.00  
Public Lecture, Colman McCarthy, Washington journalist and founder of the Center for Teaching Peace, "Women as Peacemakers" 7 p.m. Red Room

**Thursday March 4,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Suzanne Sumner, Mathematics Department "Working Against the Odds: A Historical Look at Women in Mathematics," 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m., Trinkle 138

**Monday March 15,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Allyson M. Poska, Department of History and American Studies, "Women and Work in Early Modern Europe," 2 p.m., Monroe 202

**Tuesday March 16,** Public Lecture, Dr. Azar Nafisi, Iranian writer and scholar, "Tales of Subversion: Women, Culture and Political Change in the Islamic Republic of Iran" sponsored by the Depts. of English, Linguistics and Speech and Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, 8 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center

**Wednesday March 17, Keynote Lecture,** Patricia Ireland, President of the National Organization for Women, "Feminism and Activism: Moving into the 21st Century," sponsored by CARC and the Council on Community Values, 8 p.m., Ball Room, Lee Hall

**Thursday March 18,** Panel Discussion, "Feminism and the Bible" 6 p.m. The Campus Christian Community, 1213 Dandridge St. For more information call 373-9255  
Public Lecture, Dr. Kathleen Brown, University of Pennsylvania, historian and author of *Good Wives, Nasty Wench, and Anxious Patriarch: Gender, Race and Power in Colonial Virginia*, "Family Matters: Race and Gender in Colonial Virginia" sponsored by the Department of History and American Studies, 8 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center

**Friday March 19,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Stephen Farnsworth, "Women and TV News: Just a Pretty Face on the Tube?" 2 p.m., Monroe 203

Women of Color Week March 21-28

WMWC 91.5 FM Women in Music Week tune in nightly 9-10 p.m.

**Monday March 22,** Film, "Once Were Warriors" sponsored by Women of Color, 7 p.m., Chandler 102

**Tuesday March 23,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Marjorie Och, Dept. of Art and Art History, "Women Artists of the Renaissance, an Introduction," 9:30-10:45 a.m., Melchers 207  
Discussion and information session, "Women's Studies at MWC: A Guide to the Major," 9 p.m., the parlor of Ball Hall

**Wednesday March 24,** Performance, "Faces of America," a one-person show starring Fran de Leon, sponsored by Women of Color, 7 p.m., Dodd Auditorium

**Thursday March 25,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Marjorie Och, Department of Art and Art History, "Women Artists of the Renaissance: Sofonisba Anguissola and Lavinia Fontana," 9:30-10:45 a.m., Melchers 207  
Public Lecture, Dr. Allan Hansen, professor of Anthropology, University of Kansas, "Will We Make Superbabies? The Evidence from Donor Insemination," sponsored by CARC, the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and the Anthropology Club, 7 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center

**Friday March 26,** Open Class Lecture, Dr. Liane Houghtalin, Dept. of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, "Roman Religion meets a Political Sex Scandal," 2 p.m., Trinkle 140  
Dance, 70s Dance, sponsored by Women of Color, 9 p.m., Great Hall, Woodard Campus Center, Prizes for Best Afro - Best Platform Shoes - Best Make-Up - Over all Best Dressed

**Sunday March 28,** Poetry Reading, Heather Ross Miller, professor of English, Washington and Lee University and author of *In the Funny Papers*, 8 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center

**Monday March 29,** Public Lecture, Ms. Rea Carey, Executive Director of National Youth Advocacy Coalition, an organization that works to end discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, sponsored by PRISM, 8 p.m., Red Room, Woodard Campus Center

**Tuesday March 30,** Multi-media presentation, David Winn, "Dido Goes to the Opera," sponsored by the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion and the Classics Club, 8:30-9:30 p.m. (including an intermission), Chandler 102

**Wednesday March 31,** Variety Show, "A Celebration of Women's Artistry II" 8 p.m. Lee Ballroom

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.  
For additional information contact Dr. Allyson M. Poska  
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## Women's History Month March '99

# SPORTS



Diana May/Bullet

George Bunch scored 17 points in his final game at MWC.

## Women's Basketball Season Ends With A Loss

By Nicole Ramer  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Back in December, when the women's basketball team was ranked seventh in the nation, they never thought they would end the season below .500, a far distance from the top twenty.

On Monday, the women ended the regular season with a 23-point loss to the Salisbury State Seagulls, 92-69. The Eagles finish this season with 10-14 record.

Like the other losses MWC has endured, this game was plagued by poor shooting, getting out rebounded, and countless turnovers.

"I just cannot believe that our season is already over. We went so far last season it's just hard to believe this season ended so soon," said sophomore center Jill Hollenbeck.

The Seagulls 40-31 lead at halftime was within reaching distance for the Eagles. However, Salisbury offense overwhelmed MWC in the second half.

Additionally, the Seagulls significantly outshot MWC 89-54. The lack of shots MWC took and an offensive run by the Seagulls in the second half took a huge toll on the Eagles.

"Obviously that made a big difference in the game, although most of their shots were taken in the first half," said head coach Connie Gallahan.

Defensively, the Seagulls aggressive man-to-man defense and full court press forced 34 MWC turnovers. Also, Salisbury's defense only permitted the Eagles to get nine offensive rebounds, severely limiting any second chance opportunities for MWC.

"We can't have that many turnovers without taking shots and that's what happened," said Gallahan.

"They are a very aggressive team defensively. They are always up in your face which made it hard for us. If we picked up our dribble they were right there all the time," said Hollenbeck.

Lack of shooting, no offensive runs, and poor rebounding were not the only problems MWC faced during the game. All five starters for Salisbury scored in double-digits.

The high scorers for MWC included sophomore center Helen Huley with 17 points, senior guard Andrea Sellers with 16 points and Hollenbeck with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

"I honestly think that the lack of

confidence and all the adjustments we had to make throughout the season really hurt our team," said Hollenbeck.

"Obviously this wasn't the way we started the season. We were winning and at one point we were ranked seventh in the nation," added Gallahan. "Then we lost Marcy, Erin, and then Sarah. So we've had to make a lot of adjustments throughout the season. We needed them plus everyone else on the team in order to win games."

Earlier in the week MWC also lost to St. Mary's and Marymount.

Last Wednesday MWC took on Marymount only to lose by 11 points. The final score of the game was 75-64.

Although MWC had a better field goal percentage than Marymount during the first half, the Eagles were still down by 16 points at the half.

Since they were down, MWC had to make up for a considerable deficit during the second half of play. The Eagles outscored Marymount 36-31 in the second half, but it was not enough to win.

Senior forward Erica Salmin led the Eagles, with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Last Friday MWC played St.

Mary's College, who defeated MWC 73-43.

"We just didn't shoot very well. We took a lot of outside shots which caused our shooting percentage to go down," said Gallahan.

The Eagles started off the game pretty slow, only scoring 15 points in the first half, which put them down by 17 points at the half.

In order to make up for a considerable deficit, MWC had to work twice as hard on offense. Unfortunately, not enough shots were taken by MWC. The team only took 47 shots to St. Mary's 77. The lack of shots taken played an enormous factor in the final outcome of the game.

"We have to take open shots if we want to score as a team," said Hollenbeck.

In addition, the Eagles shot a poor 27 percent in the second half.

"One of the reasons we shot so poorly was because we weren't getting the ball inside to the post players," said Gallahan.

The high scorer for MWC was sophomore center Helen Huley with 13 points.

## Men's Basketball Team Loses In CAC First-Round Thriller

### Bobby Frazitta's Broken Foot Aids St. Mary's 84-82 Victory

By Jamie Deaton  
Bulletin Sports Editor

Men's basketball coach Rod Wood was back in his office Wednesday morning after a tough 84-82 loss the night before to St. Mary's in the first round of the CAC tournament.

Wood was busy recruiting for next year trying to fill the place of George Bunch, Burt Burroughs and Dave Love, the three seniors who all played major roles in the success of this year's team.

"They [the three seniors] were a crutch I relied on. Now that crutch is pulled away from me," said Wood.

Wood also pointed to the three seniors as major contributors for turning the basketball program around.

"They will probably mean more to me than anyone we'll ever have in the program," he said. "I don't want them to think they ended on a sour note. What they did will never be overlooked by me."

This year MWC finished the season with a 15-10 record, its highest winning percentage in 13 years.

MWC entered last night game having defeated St. Mary's just four days earlier to gain home court advantage. However, this time the Eagles were without sophomore Bobby Frazitta, who had broken his foot in practice.

"We played the last 10 games with the same lineup," said Wood about being forced to suddenly juggle his lineup. "When you put people in awkward situations that they are not accustomed to doing, bad things are going to happen."

Bad things did not happen right away for the Eagles. Although MWC trailed for most of the first half, they took a 39-38 lead going into halftime.

The Eagles appeared to be the better half court team as they dominated offensively on the inside. Bunch, freshman Anthony Edwards, and sophomore Phil Klaus shot a combined 22-30 from the field.

However, the Eagles had little offensive power from behind the three-point line. As the game progressed it became increasingly evident that the Eagles missed a key element in their offense, the outside shooting threat of Frazitta. For the game the Eagles made only three of 12 attempts from three-point range.

"What I saw last night is what happened last year. We didn't have a true scorer," said Wood. "When Bobby has had shooting nights he still attracts the defense."

With Frazitta out of the game, St. Mary's could concentrate more on stopping guards junior James Brown, Burroughs and Love. Combined the three guards had 17 turnovers for the game.

In the second half, MWC appeared to have the game won. The Eagles slowly took control of the game and built a lead. Bunch scored on a lay-up as the Eagles increased their lead to 70-58. However, things began to fall apart. Bunch received a technical on a questionable call after increasing the lead to 12 points.

"I thought we had them when we were up by 10 points with seven minutes left," said junior Jay Mahoney.

After Bunch's technical, the Eagles were outscored 26-12 for the rest of the game.

"Turnovers and boxing out really cost us the game," said Klaus.

Once St. Mary's took the lead late in the game, they were able to make critical foul shots in the final minutes.

Overall, St. Mary's was 20 of 25 from the free-throw line. Harvey Davis, who shot only

one of six from the field, aided St. Mary's greatly from the foul line, making nine of 10 shots. Additionally, Brandon Jones made all six of his shots from the foul line.

Mahoney characterized the loss to St. Mary's as "disappointing."

"We should have won," he said.

Overall, the team had considerable success this season. They received their first national ranking ever earlier in the season, won their first ever in-season tournament, and beat a nationally-ranked Goucher team that won the CAC.

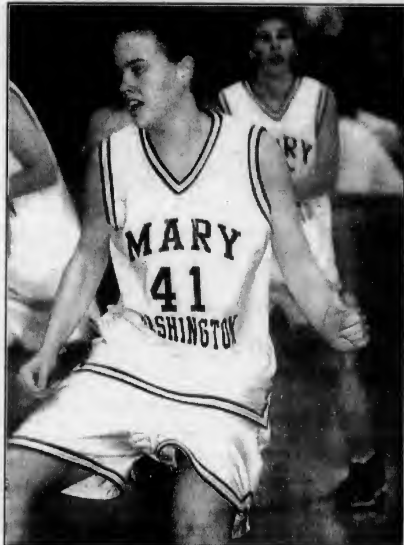
"We accomplished some of our goals, but not all of our goals," said Klaus. "If we work very hard over the off-season, hopefully next year we can accomplish our goals."

Wood remains optimistic about next year's team, which will include many of the key components from this year's team as well as a strong recruiting class.

#### St. Mary's 84 MWC 82

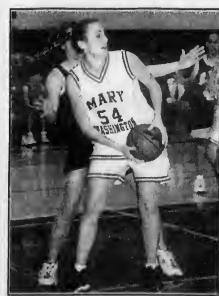
MWC	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Rebounds	Points
Bunch	7	11	2	2	7	17
Klaus	9	12	4	4	12	22
Brown	1	5	0	0	2	2
Burroughs	3	10	2	2	2	9
Love	1	5	4	6	3	6
Cross	3	4	0	0	2	7
Edwards	6	7	6	8	1	18
Mahoney	0	1	0	0	0	0
Steele	0	0	1	2	0	1
Total	30	55	19	24	30	82

St. Mary's	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	Rebounds	Points
Taylor	9	12	2	2	7	17
Innis	3	9	2	2	11	8
Heard	6	11	1	2	4	16
Conklin	3	6	0	0	3	8
Davis	1	6	9	10	3	11
Jones	6	10	6	6	2	19
Esteves	1	4	0	1	2	2
Kosaka	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	29	60	20	25	33	84



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Helen Huley made 7 of 9 shots from the field against Salisbury State.



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Jessica Sullins looks for an open Eagle.

## Schedule of Events

### Swimming

Mar. 11-13: NCAA Meet, TBA.

### Track and Field

Feb. 26: at Virginia Tech Invite, TBA.

Mar. 6: at E. Tennessee State Invitational at Johnson City, TN, TBA.

Mar. 12-13: at NCAA Nationals at Ada, OH, TBA.

### Baseball

Feb. 26-28: at Greensboro Tournament, TBA.

Mar. 3: vs. St. Mary's, 3 p.m.

Mar. 4: at Washington & Lee, 3 p.m.

Mar. 6: vs. East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m.

Mar. 13: vs. Allegheny, 1 p.m.

Mar. 16: vs. Bridgewater, 3 p.m.

### Softball

Mar. 2: at Longwood, 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 3: at Randolph-Macon, 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 5: vs. Kings, 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 6: vs. Wesley, 2 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

Mar. 6: at Methodist, 9 a.m.

Mar. 8: vs. Guilford at Hilton Head, 12 p.m.

Mar. 10: vs. Vassar at Hilton Head, 12 p.m.

Mar. 16: vs. Virginia Wesleyan, 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 17: vs. Howard, 3:30 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

Mar. 6: at Methodist, 9 a.m.

Mar. 8: vs. Bucknell at Hilton Head, 8 a.m.

Mar. 10: vs. Rochester at Hilton Head, 8 a.m.

Mar. 12: vs. Emory at Hilton Head, 8 a.m.

Mar. 17 vs. Howard, 3:30 p.m.

### Men's Lacrosse

Feb. 27: vs. Villa Julie, 1:00 p.m.

Mar. 3: at Va. Wesleyan, 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 6: vs. Wesley, 2:00 p.m.

Mar. 17: at Salisbury St., 3:30 p.m.

### Women's Lacrosse

Mar. 5: vs. Randolph-Macon, 4:00 p.m.

Mar. 6-13: at St. Petersburg, FL, TBA

Mar. 17: at Roanoke, 4:00 p.m.





# Women's Track & Field Tops At Mason-Dixon Invitational

By Teresa Joerger  
Bulletin Staff Writer

For the first time in five years, the women's track and field team won the Mason-Dixon Championships, defeating last year's National Champions. With their second place showing, the men's team placed the highest at this meet in school history.

"Each team did very well, we had some very good performances on both sides. I was happy with the outcome, team-wise," said head coach Stan Soper.

Leading the women in their 37.5-point victory over second-place Christopher Newport was junior Kim Alvis. Alvis, who is ranked first among NCAA Division III schools in the triple jump, got a meet record in the event with a jump of 38'10 1/4", which was also good enough for a school record.

"[Being ranked first] is an unbelievable feeling. I don't believe it yet. I'm still jumping, I'm still trying to improve, it's so off the wall to me," she said.

Alvis also got a school record with her second place of 18'3 1/2" in the long jump. She finished second in the high jump and fifth in the 55-meter dash.

"Congratulations have to go out to Kim Alvis," said junior Mike Merker. "It was really nice to see all of her hard work pay off."

Other top finishers included senior

Katrin Banks, who set a new school record in the weight throw with 38'10". She also placed second in the shot put.

"I did a warm-up and it went over 40 [feet] and my jaw just dropped. I was really shocked by the weight throw," she said.

Sophomore Natalie Alexander placed first in the 1500 in 5:07 and second in the 800 in 2:28. Alexander was joined by seniors Jennifer Fields, Meredith Leson and junior Julie Rakowski to win the 3200-meter relay in 10:37. Rakowski also placed second in the 5000-meter run in 19:14.

The 1600-meter relay team of freshman Jennifer McLaughlin, sophomore Kate Nelson, junior Britney Mongold, and junior Kathleen Edwards was victorious with a time of 4:21. Nelson also won the 800 in 2:27. A jump of 38'7 1/2" was good enough to earn nationally ranked junior Yurissa Mitchell third place. Mitchell also finished fourth in the high jump (5') and fifth in the long jump (16'11").

"Everyone pulls points in from every single event. We have someone strong in every single event," Alvis said. "We have a very strong team. It was very exciting beating CNU because we've never beaten them before. For us to beat them, it is an amazing accomplishment."

The men's team also had a strong

performance at the meet.

"We exceeded our expectations," said sophomore Alex Addison.

Leading the men's team was junior Mike Merker, with a first-place finish in the 200 in 23.5 seconds. He also placed fourth in the 400 in 53.6 seconds and was on the victorious 1600-meter relay team of junior Greg Grevin, freshman John Winters and junior Brian Roberts (3:36).

Senior Tom Swigart also had a good day, finishing second in the shot put with a throw of 46'4 1/2, and third in the weight throw with 38'8". Addison finished second in the 5000 in 15:45, only seven seconds behind nationally-ranked Michael Tse of Frostburg.

"The next time I race Tse, I'm going to try to work it out so that it's a pure guts race, and if it is, I'm the only one who can win," Addison said, quoting a line from the movie *Preferance*.

Soper felt that the men's depth helped them place so high.

"A lot of guys finished fourth, fifth, or sixth place. That always makes a difference," Soper said. Banks added, "Everybody did exceptional and I was really proud of both teams."

Next weekend, a few members of the men's team will be going to Virginia Tech, and the rest of the men and the women will compete at the University of Richmond.

## MWC Sports Results

Men's Basketball  
Feb. 17  
Marymount 77 MWC 65

Feb. 19  
MWC 70 St. Mary's 67

Feb. 23  
St. Mary's 84 MWC 82

Riding  
Feb. 20  
The women's team placed fourth at the University of Virginia.

Baseball  
Feb. 20  
MWC 12 Messiah 3  
MWC 5 Messiah 4

Women's Basketball  
Feb. 17  
Marymount 75 MWC 64

Feb. 19  
St. Mary's 73 MWC 43

Feb. 22  
Salisbury State 92 MWC 69

Track & Field  
Feb. 21  
The women's team placed first and the men's team finished second at the Mason-Dixon Invitational.

Men's Lacrosse  
Feb. 21  
Elmira 8 MWC 4

## Athlete of the Week:

Kim Alvis

### Swimming

Junior Kim Alvis helped the Eagles to a first-place finish at the Mason-Dixon Invitational. Alvis set school records in both the long jump and the triple jump. Additionally, Alvis placed second in the high jump and fifth in the 55-meter dash.



## Baseball Team Freezes Out Messiah

By Jeff Graham  
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

If starting the season with a double-header is not asking a lot of a baseball team, playing amidst chilling winds and temperatures of 30 degrees surely is.

Despite the adverse conditions, the cold weather proved to be a warm welcome to the MWC baseball season as the Eagles won both games against Messiah College this past Saturday at Dickinson Field.

In game one, the Eagles' offense came alive early and often as MWC dominated Messiah pitchers Eric Minderbo and Kane Snyder for 10 hits, 5 walks, 8 stolen bases and 12 runs in innings two through five.

The big inning came in the second, when junior catcher Brad Poole capped off an eight-run inning with a two-run home run. From there, MWC never looked back and easily won their first game of the season, 12-3.

Senior first baseman Eric Guyton,

last year's CAC Player of the Year, showed that off-season wrist surgery has not put a strain on his hitting. He led the Eagles attack, going 3 for 3 with 2 RBI, 2 runs and 3 stolen bases.

Sophomore third baseman Brian Sabatelli added a two-run home run and 2 runs. Senior starting pitcher Jeff Sheldon scattered eight hits and had four strikeouts over six innings of work.

In game two, both teams saved the excitement for the end of the game. With the score tied 2-2 going into the top of the eighth inning, Messiah took advantage of two Eagles' errors to score two runs and take the lead going into the bottom half of the eighth and final inning.

Sophomore designated hitter Erik Dorman got into scoring position by drawing a walk. Guyton and Sabatelli followed with a single and a walk to load the bases. After senior pinch-hitter Jeff Onze struck out swinging, junior centerfielder Tad St. Clair stepped up to bat.

After going hitless in his previous at-bats on the day, St. Clair came through in the clutch, delivering a one-out triple, scoring the bases and giving the Eagles a dramatic 5-4 victory.

Leading the way for the Eagles' offense was Guyton, junior shortstop Nick DiJulio and junior second baseman Jay Montoya, who collected two hits. St. Clair's strong innings, allowing only two runs on two hits and two errors, finished with six strikeouts.

Head coach Tom Sligh was pleased with the effort. "The team showed throughout both games that they felt fortunate to compete in these wins."

"I wanted them to work hard and hustle. In the second game, they have given up after the first two runs, but we fought back and scored three runs and won."

and opportunity for us to develop a really formidable team, said coach Jim Sisco.

Next Saturday, MWC will host Princeton at 2 p.m. at the Battleground. "Princeton beat us last spring 30-33 and we are determined to come out on top next weekend," said Nease.

Over spring break, the team will travel to Savannah, Ga. for the St. Patrick's Day Tournament and they will return to face Penn State in the first round of the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union Tournament.

In April, they will make an appearance in the Washington Blossom Festival.

-Staff Report

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March	1	Dangerous Beauty*
	2	Sliding Doors
	3	Boys on the Side*
	4	Lolita
	15	The Joy Luck Club*
	16	The Negotiator
	17	If These Walls Could Talk*
	18	Addicted to Love
	19	Dangerous Beauty*

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### CAMPUS RECREATION SCHEDULE - SPRING 1999

EVENT	ENTRIES DUE	START DATE
Badminton	Feb. 24	Feb. 27
Racquetball	Feb. 24	Feb. 27
Bench Press	Feb. 24	Feb. 27
Indoor Soccer	March 17	March 21
Softball	March 17	March 21
Softball Day	March 21	March 21
5 Person Football	March 24	March 27
Ultimate Frisbee	April 1	April 2
Black Top Basketball	April 22	April 23

# ENTERTAINMENT

## MWC'S FINE 'DINING'

By Tammie Willis  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Thursday night in Klein Theatre, the cast of "The Dining Room" took an audience of students, faculty and community members on a tour of the family dining room with a collage of scenes that made a museum exhibit come alive.

"Everything went exactly as planned," Helen Housley, director of "The Dining Room," said.

"The Dining Room," written by A.R. Gurney, opened with a slide presentation describing the history and social significance of the dining room. The museum tour continued with a series of 18 separate scenes that explored the social significance of the dining room as the traditional family has changed over the years.

"There were so many touching scenes throughout the play," senior Jeanine Boeke said. "But I really enjoyed the family scene at Thanksgiving. Katherine Garvey did a fabulous job as the grandmother with Alzheimers."

According to Housley, Garvey had to meet the challenge of playing an old woman in the early stages of senility. Rather than stereotyping the character as confused and out of touch with the world, Garvey effectively expressed the fear that one might experience in the confusion.

"She brought everything we needed to the part," Housley said. "She offers a portrayal without stereotyping the character."

But then, all the actors had to take on special challenges in playing so many different roles. With 60 characters, each of the 10 actors played six different characters and some of the roles were quite challenging to many of the actors.

For freshman Steven Mory, the biggest challenge was perhaps the art of playing a much older man.

"He looks so young," Housley said, "but he managed to create the image of a middle-aged man."

Mory, who also played a son discussing funeral arrangements with his dying father, relied on a combination of perfectly timed facial expressions and mannerisms to convey an age that was literally twice his own. He was able to do this while avoiding the trap of overdramatizing the scene to make up for the age difference.

"My favorite scene was between the dying father

and son," Paul Dunford, a junior, said. "It was very touching without being melodramatic. The acting was impressive all around."

Senior Emre Iz'at, who played Mory's father, improved upon his portrayal of the dying father when he stepped into the role of a grandson asking his rich grandfather, played by senior Robert Marigza, for money. Housley explained that Iz'at and Marigza bring a sense of uniqueness that works well.

"Emre and Robert make a great connection [in the scene]," Housley said.

Junior Natalie Johnson had the challenge of playing a maid three separate times. She had the initial challenge of making Annie, who appeared as a young maid in the first scene, look 50 years older a few minutes later. Using accents, mannerisms, and challenging attitudes, Johnson clearly distinguished the differences in her characters.

In her roles as the different maids and as a daughter trying to find her identity after a series of troublesome relationships, Johnson found herself onstage with junior Justin Timpane several times. Timpane, whose characters were mostly father figures, really had a hard job in being able to develop a character capable of turning his own daughter away when she asks for help.

"I love what he does with that particular scene," Housley said.

Junior Marika Pickett drew a round of laughter as she appeared on the stage in a pink housecoat and furry slippers as Johnson's daughter. Housley explained that Pickett and Johnson actually switch roles in the mother-daughter scene which creates the challenge of having to play both roles.

"It's extremely difficult to play both sides of the coin," Housley said. "She has a really unique presence."

Whether it's the daughter who wants to make her own decisions, a mother who thinks that the decision her daughter makes is a bad one or a mother caught in an affair by her son, Pickett brings a definite unique presence to her characters.

As the rookies of the cast, junior John Brauer, and freshman Elena Rousseau, make for a very interesting pair. Housley praised Brauer's ability to come across as the "regular guy," which made him the perfect carpenter for Rousseau's slightly eccentric and very



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Senior Emre Iz'at, junior Justin Timpane, senior Katie Garvey and freshman Steve Mory are among the ensemble cast gathered for "The Dining Room."

lonely character.

"[John] has a real natural quality on the stage," Housley said. "[Elena] has a beautiful presence on the stage."

Brauer's natural quality and Rousseau's beauty creates the humorous relief to the mounting tension of emotion generated by the other 17 scenes.

Housley described senior Allyson Harkey as, "bringing maturity to the stage." Her maturity helped to make her the perfect mother, and helped her juggle her kids and her lover at the same time. Harkey brought a sense of conflict to her character as she demonstrated a desire to be with her lover, played by Timpane, and her responsibility to her children.

And like the others, Harkey had to put her maturity away to play much younger characters. Each of the actors brought a new personality to the stage as they played characters from

five years old to 85 years old.

"I thought the actors were amazing," freshman Holly Petty, said. "The way they change from character to character in sometimes a matter of minutes was marvelous."

Greg Stull, the theatre department chair, agreed with Petty. "I think [Housley] did a wonderful job of building an ensemble and telling the story," Stull said.

"The Dining Room" is playing this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. General admission is \$6 and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For info, call x. 1124.

## The famous FILM FIEND and Film Femme

### Discuss The Nominations For The Best Picture Oscar

By James Mirabelle  
Bulletin Entertainment Editor

The Best Picture category this year is pretty interesting. Last year, there were a handful of movies that could have won, whereas this year, there are a bunch of movies that actually deserve to win. Basically, the films can be divided into Elizabethan period pictures and World War II films. Let us begin with the Elizabethans.

"Elizabeth" is the only film that does not belong here. Not that it was a bad movie. On the contrary, "Elizabeth" was quite good—but not stupendous. I think critics saw "Elizabeth" and thought, "Wow! An intelligent movie for once. It must be great!" It's really not. It's rare that one feels that a movie should be longer. But "Elizabeth" is chock-full of royal double-cross and betrayal, and it is important that we know who is on whose side. "Elizabeth" needs to be a little clearer on this point and that's a serious problem. The acting and art direction are amazing, and the film is really good. But, it doesn't deserve Best Picture, or even a nomination (especially since "Truman Show" is out there).

"Shakespeare in Love" on the other hand, was true Hollywood magic. I never thought of a film about a young Will Shakespeare losing and then finding his muse (a.k.a. inspiration) through love could be as entertaining as it was. The acting was strong, especially from little Joey Fiennes (Ralph's brother) as Shakespeare and Gwyneth Paltrow as the woman of his dreams. The direction by John



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By Chandra DasGupta  
Bulletin Opinions Editor

The nominations this year are definitely lacking. There just aren't strong enough emotions involved. Last year I had a vendetta out against "Titanic," and the year before that I nearly cried tears of joy when "The English Patient" won.

So let us take stock of the situation for Best Picture. There are two World War II movies, two movies featuring Queen Elizabeth, and a little Italian film that is, at the very least, a critical success. To make matters worse, "Elizabeth" is conspicuously left out of the Best Directing category and in its place lies the underdog "Truman Show." What a mess. Let's start with...

### LOVE

I'll start with the Elizabethan movies because they are the easiest. "Elizabeth" has better acting than it does script, and "Shakespeare In Love" has better writing than it does acting. Neither movie is really up to par to win for Best Picture. In all honesty, "Elizabeth" is well-directed, but there is so much tension about the historical inaccuracies regarding the script that "Elizabeth" will probably just win in the acting categories.

"Shakespeare In Love" is too comedic and too cute to win the serious Best Picture category. The script is incredible, the acting is fair, and the direction is all right. All in all,

## Henry Rollins Brings Spoken Word To MWC

By Gavin Dunaway  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Simply put, Ralph Nader he's not. Actually, it would have been interesting if Henry Rollins had jumped on-stage during Nader's speech and argued with him while giving a spoken word performance.

Instead, Rollins will be performing his critically acclaimed spoken word at Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:30), without a beatdown on Ralph Nader.

"We're trying to bring in stuff that's different," Danielle Williams, a senior and co-chair of Giant Productions, said. "Henry Rollins is very different, he's spoken word, unlike rock bands which are a dime-a-dozen. He's been around a long time and he's really talented."

Rollins has become a cultural icon in the last decade or so, being the workingman figure of the rock 'n' roll industry. He literally has been going nonstop since he joined the influential punk band Black Flag in 1981 and toured with them until they broke up.

In the years since, he's started his own

group, Rollins Band, had books published through his own company, acted in a movie or two (the bombs "Johnny Suede" and "Lost Highway") and opened his own record label, which releases new and old albums.

One of his biggest accomplishments, though, is the success of his spoken word shows. Initially he got the idea from reading

the journals he wrote while on tour with Black Flag and realizing how he had captured the insanity of touring.

Eventually, he formed a whole-on-stage act, one that ranged from hilarious adventures like his mock lounge act performance at the Grammy's to truly terrifying moments like watching his

best friend get shot in the head and narrowly escaping death himself.

Rollins has seen it all, from a tortured childhood in a military academy to the incredible highs of stardom. He's a self-proclaimed emotional basket case, taking out his rage in his music and performances. Over



Henry Rollins is coming on Feb. 28.

### U.S. TOP TEN FILMS:

Movie	Weekly Gross
1) "Payback"	\$10.2 million
2) "Message in a Bottle"	\$10 million
3) "My Favorite Martian"	\$6.9 million
4) "October Sky"	\$5.9 million
5) "Blast from the Past"	\$5.8 million
6) "Shakespeare in Love"	\$5.8 million
7) "She's All That"	\$5.2 million
8) "Office Space"	\$4.2 million
9) "Rushmore"	\$2.8 million
10) "Saving Private Ryan"	\$2.4 million

Coming This Week: "8 mm," starring Nicholas Cage. "200 Cigarettes," starring Ben Affleck, Courtney Love, Christina Ricci and Janeane Garofalo.



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The cast of "The Dining Room," gathers around the dinner table. "The Dining Room" performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Coming Attractions...

- **Thursday, Feb. 25: Lecture.** British Printmaking Lecture by art historian David Cast. 7:30 p.m. Ridderhof Martin Gallery. **Free**
- **Friday, Feb. 26: Semi-Formal.** Hawaiian Dance. Marshall Hall. 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. **\$3**
- **Friday, Feb. 26: Opening of Senior Studio Art Exhibit.** duPont Gallery, duPont Hall. 5 - 7 p.m.
- **Friday, Feb. 26: Movies.** "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer." 7 p.m. "Very Bad Things." 10 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. **\$1**
- **Saturday, Feb. 27: Step Show.** Other University teams, MWC Steppers, High School Teams. 7 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. **\$3 presale \$5 at door.** For information call x3838.
- **Sunday, Feb. 28: Movie.** "Very Bad Things." 12 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. **\$1**



# What Is The Best Way To Relieve Stress?

Photos and interviews by Karen Pearlman



"I relieve stress by playing computer games in my free time."

—Jasper White, senior



"I go driving."

—Elizabeth Austin, freshman



"I run and hit the gym. There is nothing better than physical activity to help me relax."

—Jason Smith, freshman



"I get massages from Katie Parker."

—Peter Zacharia, junior



"I either go running or play around on the piano."

—Leah Frazer, freshman

## Exhibition Features Seniors' Artwork

By Dax Terrill  
Bulletin Staff Writer

In addition to the thrill of displaying one's own work, the Senior Art Exhibition gives art majors the opportunity and responsibility of setting up and creating their own exhibition. The group of students involved deal with every element of the program, from framing their works to deciding what food to serve.

The three students participating in the upcoming program are Joanna Bible, Rachel Fortanase and Krista Mann. Their exhibition will be on display from Feb. 26 to March 7 in the duPont Gallery.

For this exhibition, Bible has a dual responsibility as artist and overseer of the program. Four shows take place each year. Bible's job as manager is to meet with the artists beforehand and help them in a variety of ways, such as displaying the works.

"Last year I was the apprentice, and this year I am the person in charge of the programs," Bible commented about her role as manager.

Only for this show, Bible will be one of the artists to display their work. The Senior Art Exhibition is the first major time that Bible has shown her work. She feels the shows are a great experience, allowing her friends and family to see her pieces.

"It is an opportunity to show people something that is really important to me and something I have spent a lot of time on," Bible said.

The medium of Bible's work is predominantly drawing and painting. No one particular artist has influenced her the most, but she feels the Renaissance period as a whole has had the most impact on her. Bible credits the art history classes at Mary Washington for helping her in this area.

Another one of the three artists is Rachel Fortanase, who looks at the art exhibition as a great experience. The combination of exposure and



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Senior Rachel Fortanase works diligently on a sketch.

responsibility are what she feels are the most rewarding aspects.

"You have to organize everything by yourself. That includes getting the work done to display, putting it together and even deciding what food you want to serve. But there is a great satisfaction because this is what you've worked for," said Fortanase.

The medium of her work is not one type, but a mix of painting, drawing and sculpture. She also brought up the issue that although this is a great experience, it does come with a price.

"You have to pay for everything," said Fortanase, commenting about the fiduciary aspect of the exhibition.

The final of the three artists is Krista Mann. Like Bible, this is her first time displaying her work at Mary Washington. The medium of her pieces is a mix of print making, drawing and painting.

Thomas Somma, director of the Mary Washington Galleries, agrees with the artists and believes the exhibitions are an essential experience. Somma, who took over the position of director this past summer, said the shows are a great

chance to display student's work. He also reiterated the learning aspect of the show.

"The students must do everything involved. They must hang their works, do the design of the show and plan their reception," said Somma.

Somma added one last special feature for the shows at Mary Washington College. The number of artists in the exhibition is smaller than at most other schools.

"This means the students can show a lot more of their work and the audience gets to see a whole body of work," Somma said.

The Senior Student Exhibition gives a chance for students to display their work. More importantly, the students get the learning experience of creating their own program.

**The Senior Art Exhibition runs from Feb. 26 to March 7 at duPont Gallery. For more information, call x. 2120.**

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Madden is extremely clever and well-paced. But, put aside all these particulars. What makes this film so good is that it's not just about Shakespeare finding his muse. It's about Shakespeare, in general. It finds the soul of the greatest writer ever and enshrines it in a lively web of inside jokes and brilliant dialogue. But the film is not even just about Shakespeare. The film is about love. The questions are all put out there—why we love and who we love and what we love. And the movie is not pretentious enough to answer these questions. Instead, it knows that deep down in the hearts of every member of the audience, they see love, and they answer the questions for themselves. And that is Hollywood magic.

Now, the World War II pictures. First off, "Thin Red Line" was supposedly a great film. It is the only movie I haven't seen yet, so I am not sure if it deserves to win or not. I have heard that it was "too much" for a lot of viewers. Too much, that is, in the sense that people see a war movie to see war, not young studs pondering on life and nature for three hours. Now, the film may work, but the buzz is that it won't win. "Red Line" might steal enough votes away from "Saving Private Ryan" though, allowing a smaller film like "Shakespeare in Love" or "Life is Beautiful" to win.

The odds are against "Life is Beautiful," though. It was also nominated for Best Foreign Film and hopefully its chances are better there. The film is about a Jewish-Italian who is placed in a concentration camp, where he tries to shield his young son by convincing him that the whole thing is just a game. This could have ended up being a manipulative, incoherent piece of garbage, but writer-director-actor Robert Benigni makes it work somehow. The film is sad, but is so endearing and funny at the same time. And the way Benigni pulls this trick off is masterful.

"Saving Private Ryan" is the monster that roared through theaters last summer. Most thought "Private Ryan" would win the Oscar then, and most people think it will now. Too many people are complaining that the movie is none too hot except for the opening D-Day sequence. D-Day is the most powerful part of the film, but there are so many harrowing images all throughout. "Private Ryan" is not an anti-war film in the traditional sense. Instead, it shows us those brave souls who put their hats on the table and their lives on the line and went to Europe to fight in WWII. More powerfully, it shows the absolute hell that these guys went through for us. And Spielberg has created a hell that is totally uncompromising and dark and vicious. So, the D-Day is brilliant and innovative. The whole film, however, is a masterpiece.

"Shakespeare in Love," "Life is Beautiful," or "Saving Private Ryan?" Which will win? If any of these three win, I'll be satisfied. All three are better than the Best Picture winners of the last few years. Which one do I root for? I don't know. I have reasons to want to see all three win. It is a painful question to ask, because all three deserve the award.

**Fiend's Pick:**  
Saving Private Ryan or Shakespeare in Love

### FEMME page 8

a good package, but not an excellent one. I'm actually surprised that "Shakespeare" was nominated for Best Director, and that "Elizabeth" wasn't. All's fair in love and...

#### WAR

I really think that it's all about the war movies this year. "Red Line" and "Private Ryan" are so different, though, that it's hard to determine what the Academy is going to do here. I thought both movies were incredible and Oscar-worthy in different ways.

I feel like the Academy has to throw Terrance Malick's "Red Line" a bone. All of the actors in "Red Line" have bluntly been left out of the acting nominations, where Tom Hanks' war-torn symbol of a man got nominated once again. A brief note here—I think Hanks is a splendid actor but comparatively

**'Life is Beautiful' sounds wonderful, tragic, funny, full of laughs and tears and Italian people.**

speaking, Sean Penn in "Red Line" acted circles around Hanks. Anyway, Malick is probably looking at winning either (if not both) Best Picture and/or Best Director.

We all know that Spielberg has not been a favorite of the Academy, but with "Schindler's List," Spielberg perhaps found his knack in war dramas. "Private Ryan" came so early in the year and made so much of an impact on viewers that it became one of the sleeper hits of the summer.

By now, audiences are very familiar with Spielberg, and not as familiar with Malick. It's up in the air really, and I have no idea what war movie will win the ultimate kudos. My vote is for the poetic "Red Line," but lately I feel like I'm in...

#### THE INEVITABLE MINORITY

This is where I'm supposed to say that I haven't even seen "Life is Beautiful." It sounds wonderful, tragic, funny, full of laughs and tears and Italian people. I doubt it will win, but anything is possible...such as a split between the Elizabeth movies and a split between the war movies that allows "Life is Beautiful" to reign supreme.

Worth an honorable mention is "The Truman Show" for Best Direction. Since Jim Carrey was not nominated for Best Actor, perhaps "The Truman Show" will win its honors in directing. It would make me happy if it won, but I don't think it will.

**Femme's Pick:**  
Thin Red Line

### ROLLINS page 8

the years he's also turned from a skinny little puck rocker into a huge, muscular and kind of scary-looking guy.

Nobody else in the industry is doing anything quite like this, putting together a full tale of what it's like to live the life. Sure, you can see interviews on television with stars, but Rollins isn't answering questions; he's dealing his life out shot-by-shot without any coercion.

And that's why he's become the person MTV and Rolling Stone go to for quotes about issues in music and the life that goes with it. He's honest, philosophical and extremely intelligent. Most of all, he's a great speaker and has stage presence like few other artists.

If anything, the performances can be compared to stand-up comedy, as many reviewers have said they only stopped laughing to cry. Rollins blends the comedy with the tragedy in a show that will touch your emotions, and might even strangle them a little.

**Henry Rollins will be performing Feb. 28 in Dodd Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for non-students.**

### In Memory Of:

Gene Siskel 1946-1999

**One of the most important film critics of the last 20 years, Siskel was half of the "Siskel and Ebert" show. His thumbs will be missed.**

### Quote of the Week:

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## Dear Bullette

### Dear Bullette:

No one likes me. My friends say I am somewhat attractive, but no guys give me booty calls. People sometimes say I'm intimidating, and I have started developing a complex about both my personality and my looks. And I have big thighs. I realize you can't help me that much, but perhaps you could give me a mantra or something.  
*Melancholic In Mason*

### Bullette:

I'm sorry about that. My only response would perhaps be to say that you shouldn't judge your place in the world by your standing at Mary Washington. We are a very specialized little community, and I am assuming that the real world is a bit different.

### Dear Bullette:

I am in a long distance relationship and I only see my girlfriend two or three times a semester. I care about this girl a lot, but I find that sometimes I wonder if the relationship is worth all of the crap I go through. My phone bill is huge, I hate not being able to see her, and there seems to be no relief in sight. I would hook up with girls here, but my conscience won't let me get away with it. I can't seem to let go, but I hate being stuck in this long distance stuff.  
*Sincerely Stuck*

### Bullette:

My suggestion is that you need to really look at what you're feeling about the entirety of the situation. If you really love and care about her, aren't things like a big phone bill not really that important? If you feel like this is "the one" then you need to reconcile a lot of stuff with yourself. However, if you search yourself

and find that the cons definitely outweigh the pros of the relationship, you should consider cutting the cord with this girl. Maybe then you will see how you really feel about her.

### Dear Bullette:

This past weekend my roommate went away to JMU and hooked up with this guy. Presently, I have been dating a guy for about five years, but when my roommate came home and told me that she hooked up with this random guy, I felt jealousy for the first time. Then I realized that I want my roommate, not my boyfriend. What should I do?

*Steaming On Stafford*

### Bullette:

You have a lot to think about. First off, ending a five year relationship would be really difficult. Secondly, your roommate might not have the same inclinations towards you that you have for her. You definitely have a lot to think about, and remember to keep everything in perspective

### Dear Bullette:

Which do you think would be better for this girl that I've liked since last semester... roses or daisies? We've been watching each other for the past couple of weeks, and I want to show her my romantic side.

*Florally Challenged On Fauquier*

### Bullette:

Daisies would be my choice. If you give her roses, it screams "RELATIONSHIP!" and you don't want to scare her off. Just get some nice daisies or lilies or something, but don't just pick them yourself. Go to a florist. Spend money on her.

*Any questions for Madame Bullette?  
Send them in to Dear Bullette Box 604,  
or e-mail them to  
bullet@mw.edu*

## COUNCIL page 3

The following three and a half hours were filled with short, choppy questions posed by the barely articulate citizens of Fredericksburg to the council, mayor and Larry Silver.

Without the benefit of charts, diagrams and well calculated and rehearsed speeches, they were no match for the quick witted politicians and businessmen in league with one another. It was a one way street--the citizens asked, and the coalition told. The citizens were not permitted to make statements and the council didn't ask the people their opinions.

One woman asked the mayor why it was that all of the information presented had not been made public prior to the August 11 vote. The mayor responded with a ten minute circuitous answer equating the development with the Kennedy-inspired goal to put a man on the moon by the end of the '60s, while equating himself to its founder.

He said that John F. Kennedy made the statement before the

intricate facts were known just as the vote had been made on Central Park II before all the information had become available. Lloyd Benson said best--"Sir, you're no Jack Kennedy."

Another question regarded the conflict of interest with having a Larry Silver funded and assembled team investigate the potential damage his development might have on the existing ecosystem. The supreme irony appeared to be lost on the council members.

Late into the night they repeated phrases, minimizing run off, herbicidal and pesticidal use, best possible prevention etc... blah blah blah. The room was filled with shaking heads and scores of people who would laugh at the words used if they were in respect to someone else in town.

But, as it was their own, the only decision to make was whether to vomit or weep. Larry Silver spoke of protecting the environment, but what need is there of protecting something unless it has come under attack?

Andy Ward  
Sophomore

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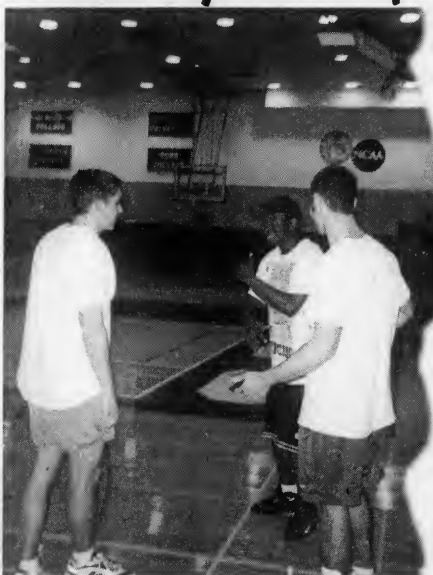
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*\*Based on data collected by Dr. Kilmartin and his research team (Fall 1998) from a sample of male MWC students.*



# State Funds MWC Oil Cleanup

By John Spacek  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The state has given Mary Washington College \$450,000 for cleanup costs related to an oil leak that occurred in May of 1998.

The leak was caused by a crack in an underground heating oil tank. The leak released approximately 1,400 to 1,500 gallons of oil into the ground between the heating plant on College Avenue and the Jepson Science Center and Melchers Hall.

According to Midge Poyck, executive vice president and chief financial officer for the college, the money will be used for the removal and replacement of the underground tanks as well as other costs related to the cleanup.

Also, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has tentatively approved a plan to give the college \$42,000 to assist with the project.

The \$42,000, if approved, will come from an established fund that is generated from taxes paid on all petroleum products in the state, according to Jay Green, a DEQ spokesman.

The college has a minimum amount to pay on the project, Green said, though that amount has not yet been determined.

"The rest is 100-percent reimbursable," he said. Rick Pearce, assistant vice president for business and finance, was also unsure how much money the college would have to come up with for the cleanup.

"We will probably end up spending a little out of our operating budget when all is said and done, for things such as the tankers to empty the tanks, but at

this point it's hard to say how much," Pearce said.

John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, said college officials will try to keep the amount absorbed by the college as small as possible.

"I can't give a good prognosis, but we are trying to minimize the cost to the school," Wiltenmuth said.

The DEQ approved the college's plan for the removal and replacement of the heating oil tanks as well as a plan for the clean-up of the site, Poyck said, clearing the way for the school to begin work.

"With this approval the college can now proceed with developing the contract specifications for the tank removal, replacement and remediation work, which is currently underway," Poyck said.

The design for new tanks and the remediation of the spill will probably take around two to three months, Wiltenmuth said, after which the DEQ and the city of Fredericksburg will review the design.

"To what extent the [DEQ] plans to do modifications and review the plan, it could take longer," Wiltenmuth said.

After the city and state review the college's plan and make modifications, two or three months will be spent on advertising for and hiring a contractor.

Then actual physical work will begin at the site. The actual cleanup work is expected to take six to 12 months, he said.

Wiltenmuth said he doesn't think the length of time required for the clean-up procedure will pose any new environmental harm.

"The nature of the fuel doesn't move quickly, so there will be no additional environmental harm. The fuel is trapped where it is and there is no evidence that it is



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The state is giving the college at least \$450,000 to clean up the oil leaked here in May.

moving any further," he said.

In addition to the costs for the remediation, while the oil tank has been drained and awaiting replacement, the college has had to pay a gas company for natural gas to heat buildings on campus. The cost of using natural gas in place of oil will depend upon how cold it is next winter, Wiltenmuth said.

"[Approximately] \$200,000 has been estimated to cover the natural gas charges, but depending on how long the project takes, it may take more," said Wiltenmuth.

According to Green, as long as the college cleans up the spill, it will not be reimbursed by the DEQ.

"If that tank releases oil, it's against the law," Green said. "The college has the duty to clean it up."

Wiltenmuth said that the college is doing its best to repair the damage, but that cleaning up oil spills is not something with which they have experience.

"It's a new process," Wiltenmuth said. "We're learning how to do it. It's not one that is particularly fast."

## EMBEZZLEMENT page 1

the embezzlement when she noticed that large amounts of money were going to Day even though he was not employed by Farmer.

Farmer's family called the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Department in to investigate the crime. Day was soon kicked out of Farmer's house and was arrested in November of 1998.

No charges were brought against Day's girlfriend, Bosley, but she did resign as Farmer's caretaker when Day was arrested.

"Some of the money was deposited in a joint account [Day and Bosley] had," Denekle said. "But there is no evidence that [Bosley] knew about the embezzlement."

Denekle said that she does not know what Day's motive was in taking advantage of Farmer, who uses a wheelchair and is blind after years of illness. Day did have a previous felony embezzlement conviction in 1968 and had a misdemeanor conviction for petty larceny.

"He's just a thief," Denekle said. "And the victim was very vulnerable in this case."

Although he pled guilty, Day disputed the amount of money he stole. Denekle and Farmer both claimed that Day stole around \$10,000, but Jarrell claimed in court Friday the actual amount he stole was just \$6,000.

Jarrell said that Day agreed to pay the \$10,000 restitution because he has several health problems of his own. He wanted to appear cooperative so the court would let him stay out on bond while awaiting

sentencing.

"He has a litany of health problems, Your Honor," Jarrell said to Ledbetter. "He has heart problems, colon cancer and orthopedic problems. Part of the reason why he agreed to pay what, in his mind, is extra restitution, is that he wants to take care of these problems before he is incarcerated."

Denekle did not accept Jarrell's argument.

"None of his medical problems cannot be addressed in jail," she said.

In the end, Ledbetter said that he had to consider the victim in making his bond decision.

"It's not like embezzling from a store," Ledbetter said to Day. "You were embezzling from a human being. Bond is revoked."

According to Denekle, Day's guilty plea was completely unsolicited.

She said that she had been prepared to give evidence and call witnesses when, just days before the trial, Day volunteered on his own to plead guilty. Denekle asked that Day be incarcerated but did not make any recommendations regarding Ledbetter's sentencing of Day on April 7.

"That's all up to the judge," she said.

With the trial over, Farmer said that he has taken steps to make sure he never has to worry about his financial dealings again.

"My daughter, Tammy [Gonsales], takes care of all that now," Farmer said. "She's totally dependable."

## HIGHWAY page 1

said.

James explained that before, cars going straight through traffic lights backed up, causing the lights to stay green longer. This in turn caused delays for those on streets intersecting the highway.

James explained that the length of time cars have to wait to get through a light has been reduced, so the lights do not have to be kept green as long, and motorists on the side streets are able to get through intersections more quickly.

"Without a doubt, the signal lengths have gone down as much as a minute," James said.

The area expanded is in Spotsylvania County, but James said that the easing of traffic tensions in the county has helped ease back-ups in Rte. 3 in Fredericksburg, though no official studies have been conducted on the subject.

"I would imagine it has helped things significantly in that stretch," he said.

Students who use Rte. 3 said that they have seen some improvement in traffic conditions but that the road is still unbearable to drive on.

"I think in town it hasn't gotten any better," said sophomore Anna Blackwell.

Other students said that they have given up on Rte. 3 altogether.

"I take the back way to avoid the Central Park area," said junior Mary Katherine Burke. "It's ugly and there are too many traffic lights and too many people who don't know how to drive."

James said that the state is planning another expansion of Rte. 3 starting from Kilarney Road, which is west of the area just finished, and widening the road west to Andora Drive, near Chancellor Elementary School.

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## MONEY page 1

Assembly turned down an earlier request for the money last year.

"It's been our biggest priority," Anderson said. "And I'm happy to say that we are getting that money."

Poyck also reported that the college's private investments, valued at \$20 million, are doing well. The money made from these investments is used to fund scholarships for students, Poyck said.

"This quarter was much better than what we were showing on Sept. 30," she said. Poyck added that the college's investments outperformed the University of Virginia's investments this quarter.

Board members were pleased that the school is out-earning its peers.

"I think we're a lot further along than a lot of our sister institutions. Twenty percent ain't bad for an overall return," Dresser added.

Rick Pearce, assistant vice president for business and finance, reported that the college is right where it should be this year as far as revenue and expenditures.

"Everything is looking where we expected it to be; there are no surprises at this point," Pearce said.

Pearce also added that EagleOne Dollars have been a "tremendous success" because many students have put money on their accounts and utilized their cards.

"I think it has been a convenience. It is good in that respect," he said. "My goal is to reduce cash on campus to nothing."

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